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COMING UP AT MARCH STUDY GROUP MEETING

By Ken Hanke

The next meeting of the UFO Study Group will offer a UFO update on what's happening in the St. Louis area. Members may be surprised at how much has been going on lately in this area. Alex Horvat, Missouri MUFON Director of Public Information, will brief members on several local cases. These will include actual case histories. In order to protect the privacy of the people involved, what it will NOT include are people's names, places, employment or anything else that might identify them.

Alex has also promised to present some serious criticisms of Carl Sagan's SETI project. Knowing Alex, this program promises to be interesting and should hold some surprises.

The next meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will be held on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the Boatmen's Bank Building at 75 West Lockwood (Corner of Lockwood and Gore across from our old meeting place) in Webster Groves.

FEBRUARY MEETING GETS "TREAT" FROM DR. PATRICIA SHAW

By Margaret Myers

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met on February 11, 1990 at the Boatmen's Bank Building. John Schroeder, President, opened the meeting with a few words of welcome to members and guests. He started by opening the floor for "sharing time".

Rev. Schroeder mentioned that he had read an article in the news which discussed a UFO seen over the Pyramid. The article said a black box approximately 2 by 1 feet, which was completely submerged under the sand, was seen being levitated and slowly rising up to the UFO.

Frank Brown reviewed the latest UFO articles in the supermarket tabloids and, as always, it was interesting and entertaining.

Forest Crawford, Study Group Vice President, gave an update on the initial investigation of the Greenville, SC sighting, which is being conducted by an investigator for MUFON and Bruce Maccabee. They are in the process of contacting the witness to obtain a copy of the video which was taken. Bob Oechsler is going to supervise testing of the tape in a test laboratory in Maryland. He will let us know more about the results when such information is available.

Margorie Sherrill itemized a number of

books that might be well worth reading. Journeys Into Space discusses the last 30 years in space exploration from Sputnik to Glasnost. A second book put out by Time / Life in the series called "Mysteries of the Unknown" is Cosmic Connections. This book discusses people or groups who think they may have been put on earth from other stars, to help make cosmic connections between earthlings and other entities. Another interesting book by Jacques Vallee, which originally came out in 1965, is UFOs In Space. Vallee states that there are discernible patterns in sightings, and this book classifies sightings according to those patterns, offering a good overview of this type of information.

Study Group Librarian, John Roppolo advised that we have been in the process of acquiring some new books, among which are Night Siege, Roswell Incident and Phenomenon - 40 Years of Flying Saucers, which condenses the history of the UFO from just after World War II through the present.

Walter Palmer briefly reviewed the agenda for the last meeting of the Parapsychology Committee, which included Warren Bartling's informative discussion regarding an energy machine (See "Energy Machine Moves Small Flying Saucer" by John Schroeder).

After a brief refreshment break, John Schroeder introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Patricia Shaw, Clinical Psychologist, who recently attended the T.R.E.A.T. (Treatment & Research of Experienced & Anomalous Trauma) Conference, held at the Virginia Polytech Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia on February 1, 1990.

Dr. Shaw stated that the Conference was very broad in content and covered many topics and areas of the clinical syndrome related to alleged UFO abductions and treatment modality. It was a closed conference and everyone was sworn to secrecy. It was attended by physicians, psychologists, engineers and other high level professionals who had an interest in this phenomenon. Their focus, however, was first on treatment of anomalous trauma and only then on investigation.

The Virginia Polytech Institute is willing to sponsor a study of the various phenomena utilizing their large computers. They also have a mailing list of 100,000 names to assist in this

research. Dr. Shaw indicated that the consensus is that we will never get funding or legitimacy or trust in our pursuits unless we focus on exactly what is a UFO. We need an estimate of the extent of this phenomenon, but no one seems to have an answer. At the conference, in private conversations people would speak of the industrial nature of the abductions. Dr. Shaw said they would have to establish a data base to find out how many reports were coming in and establish some kind of a standardized questionnaire that the people at Virginia Polytech could plug into their computer.

The conference was spearheaded by Rima Laibow, MD, psychiatrist from New York, who is in the middle of a controversy because she espouses the theory that hypnotism is not something that should be handled by an investigator without the supervision of a clinical professional who not only has proper training in hypnosis, but also has an awareness of other clinical syndromes and how to treat them.

Regarding data collection, Dr. Shaw stated that they need to know what the abductees' experiences are like in terms of their similarity, but there was no agreement even on the classical sequence of abductions. Some of the information they need includes the following: input about normal ongoing events; orienting experiences (something that alerts the individual that something is going on); capture (with a light beam, falling asleep, or some recall of how they got to the UFO); a tour of the environment (interior tour of the vehicle, including message given by alien, examination, trip to a second environment such as from a small ship to a larger place); return to earth and the aftermath experience. Dr. Shaw said they examined about 300 alleged abductees, and got different answers and results from most of them. However, the people interviewed seemed not to have been traumatized at all by their experience.

T. Edward Bullard, MD, who is an expert on folklore and myths, found that only after the examination by the aliens was anything else allowed, like a tour of the ship. Although abductees were interviewed individually by different professional people, it was mostly agreed that the examinations by the aliens were intrusive and evasive, and without thought

for human life and feelings, although some abductees felt their experiences were of a benevolent nature.

Leading MIT/Harvard physicist, Dr. Davit Pritchard was going out on a limb in trying to analyze implants in abductees, going so far as using spectrographic equipment in his analyses, and although nothing has been discovered as yet, there did seem to be a mass of some kind of resin like gook discovered in what were reported to be pineal implants. At this time no definitive report has been made.

Dr. Kenneth Ring compared UFO abductees with people who had near-death experiences and found that in both groups there was a high incident of childhood sexual abuse. He found in a study that both near-death and UFO abductee groups have a sensitivity to alternate reality, as well as greater psychic sensitivity. Dr. Ring reported some physiological differences in people who had allegedly been abducted, which included increased sensitivity to light, hearing and humidity, as well as a decreased metabolic rate and lower body temperature. He also found their brain structure was different, as well as the energy currents throughout their body. They seemed to need less sleep, had more drastic mood swings and appeared to be flooded with information they couldn't absorb.

A pediatrician and two gynecologists expressed interest in studying women who had reported they were pregnant, and on follow-up examination discovered they suddenly were no longer pregnant. However, he cited that in nature about 20% of the time fetuses are re-absorbed, so this doesn't answer any real questions about their being pregnant and then just not being pregnant on a subsequent examination.

Dr. Shaw stated that the government of France gives considerably more backing in the study of UFOs than our government does and that in France, whenever there is a sighting by anyone, the Gendarmes are called on to investigate them. It is found, however, that 98% are shown to be hoaxes, but there still remains 2% that are unexplainable.

The general consensus, according to Dr. Shaw, is that if the person seems to be traumatized at all (dysfunctional in any way), it is best for the investigator to bring in a clinical specialist, at

least as a consultant. One reason given for this was that the clinical specialist is covered by insurance, whereas the investigator probably is not. A second reason is that the clinical consultant is trained to handle various psychological traumas which may arise during the investigation. Consequently, for those reasons it is wise to have a consultant present.

Dr. Shaw indicated that the hypnotist could inadvertently influence the responses of the abductee unless great care was taken not to do so. She then discussed several methods on how responses might be solicited.

It was mentioned that the general feeling at the conference was similar to that of Budd Hopkins, who believes that after a person is no longer in a reproductive mode, the abductions drop off and that repeated abductions of the same person often seem to be on 28 day cycles.

Dr. Shaw ended her report with the statement that we need to have the clinicians help make a case for UFOs, and it is important that we all work together to try to define and resolve this enigma.

THE PROBE: UFOs AND THE USSR

By Alex Horvat

While not available at any newsstand, the CIA utilizes the services of the "Foreign Broadcast Information Service" (FBIS), to keep on top of relevant overseas events.

The FBIS publishes the "Foreign Press Note" (FPN), which is unclassified but is most assuredly not circulated to outside media channels. The more extraordinary the report, the less likely the media is to investigate.

Through one of my federal sources in our nation's capital came the details of a recent FPN that was devoted exclusively to UFOs, sightings, examination of evidence and media reaction in the Soviet Union.

The January, 1990 "OMNI UFO Update" mentioned in July, 1988 a crash of a shining globe in eastern Siberia. The FPN names the village - Dinegorsk, a hill

number - 611 and that the USSR Academy of Sciences are still studying the fine mesh, small spherical objects and pieces of glass that are considered to be small remnants left behind by the sphere.

The FPN quotes a Doctor of Chemical Sciences, V. Vysotsky as saying, "Without a doubt, this is evidence of high technology and it's not anything of a natural or terrestrial origin."

The fine mesh recovered was composed of tiny threads with a diameter of only 17 microns! Since a micron is only one millionth of a meter thick, this makes it hard to believe it was someone else's used sewing thread.

Further analysis revealed that these minuscule strands were composed of even smaller threads which were laced with gold wire and then twisted into braids.

Other elements attributed to the wreckage include: silver, nickel, alpha-titanium, molybdenum and compounds of beryllium.

The October 21st sighting in Omsk received some attention by the media in the U.S., notably CBS radio reported that hundreds of eyewitnesses saw the object near the local civil airport. The FPN mentions a Major V. Loginov who verifies that it stayed in his field of vision for about five minutes. Loginov confirms that radar did not pick the shining sphere up and that various projections of very bright beams were observed. The hovering, descending and departure left a stunned crowd looking for answers. This audience would soon be joined by another in the nearby city of Altay Kray about 375 miles away. Within five minutes the object was visually observed, meaning that it traveled at a speed of about 4,350 m.p.h.!

So what! say the skeptics. Soviet Physicist Yuriy Platov of the Terrestrial Magnetism Institute does not believe such claims. He is convinced that this is nothing but fragments from an unsuccessful soviet rocket launch.

Without a confirmation of such a launch, an explanation for such advanced Soviet Technology (indeed, advanced by anyone's standards) and the fact that Mr. Platov performed no thorough on site investigation would suggest that Mr. Platov is trying to sell a not to well informed opinion as fact.

This type of rebuttal occurs frequently when dealing with the subject

of UFOs. It does nothing but confuse the public and create mistrust of the sciences and government with those that are informed.

However, it does provide a comfort zone for those who get nervous about the present reality of extra terrestrial visitation. After all, such an event could not occur without an OK from the Kremlin, Washington or at least an appearance on the Tonight Show ... or could it?

ENERGY MACHINE MOVES SMALL FLYING SAUCER

By John E. Schroeder

Eight members attended the February 7 Parapsychology Committee meeting at the Schroeder home. Both the sharing session, which will be reported last, and Warren Bartling's description of The Energy Machine of Joseph Newman, copyrighted 1984 proved interesting for UFO buffs.

Warren Bartling, a former product development and design engineer for a major manufacturer of electronic products for industry, distributed four sheets graphically illustrating the principle behind and the mechanical operation of Newman's energy machine. Warren began his lecture quoting one described as a space alien, "By using alternating current, you are going exactly the opposite direction from the maximal power in electricity." He continued to tell that Joseph Newman claimed to have heard voices which revealed the data essential to his invention. "I've been led by God to write and to invent."

Before we write off this man as a kook and his ideas as fantasy, the last half of his book publishes letters of endorsement and affidavits from reputable scientists and engineers who observed the operation of his devices and substantiated his amazing claims. According to Bartling, the idea utilizes the energy of collapsing flux in a magnetic field -- a phenomenon already observed by Faraday. The principle is similar to that of an car ignition, but -- instead of completely shutting off the spark -- repeated short

bursts of energy multiplies the flux and magnetically (according to the right hand rule) gives direction to its flow; and -- accordingly -- power which motivates a direct current battery engine. A hollow permanent magnet, wrapped in thousands of feet of coiled thin copper wire is linked with a size "D" battery to a disc having two solenoids attached (on opposite sides of the disc) to wires that distribute current, simultaneously producing alternate positive and reversed fields at the place where they intersect a scalloped wire edging the disc. Given initial manual propulsion, the disc revolves indefinitely without utilizing battery energy. It seems to produce much more energy than it uses. For example, eight watts of energy in to the mechanism produces 100 watts of power: the equivalent of .012 gauss multiplied 1,903 times to 23.7 gauss.

Using his energy source (which -- except for friction wear -- seems to approach a perpetual motion machine), Joseph Newman built a three foot flying saucer, operating without a power tether, which levitated five feet in the air when remotely controlled. Bartling said that such levitation was possible because -- while electric current flow gave one directional impetus -- such flow around a permanent magnetic core produces gyroscopic interaction with molecules nearby. Such a double action flux field polarizes molecules, ionizes gasses, produces light, lessens inertia, controls external environments and reduces the need for great amounts of energy. Such a self contained system enhances battery action inside; but interrupts battery, ignition and solenoid performance externally. (Is this the rationale for "car stoppage, lights out" when UFOs hover over vehicles?)

Newman published 7,000 of his books privately in an effort to gain acceptance for his invention when the U.S. Patent Office refused to grant a patent. The Energy Machine of Joseph Newman is available for \$38.50 including postage and handling from Joseph Wesley Newman, Route 1, Box 52, Lucedale, Mississippi 39452. His phone number is (601) 947-7147.

Walter Palmer, in the sharing session, quoted "The New York UFO Report", Nov. 1989 which describes how a UFO operates on antimatter with an anti-gravity booster.

(This is similar to Newman's reversed polarity and anti-gravity magnetic thrust.) Another essay claims that the military shuttle mission placed a laser beam weapon aimed at space invasion potential. (Later John Schroeder summarized a tabloid article which claimed that Presidents Bush and Gorbachev had completed agreement to activate a laser weapons system, "Grand Slam", to be placed in space which would deter alien invasion.)

Palmer also noted an essay on a UFO which jammed sophisticated electronic equipment on a Russian Air Base near Voronezh on October 12 before it landed and tall creatures with small heads were observed. A final story revolved around the purported crash of a UFO in South Africa, traveling in excess of 5,200 m.p.h. by radar calculation, which suddenly slowed down when two Mirage jets approached. They fired Thor II lasers. The craft descended 3,000 feet a second at an oblique angle and was destroyed on impact with the desert floor. It left a crater 15 meters across and 12 meters deep. The Squadron Leader circled his Mirage until an investigative team arrived, confiscated aluminum-like debris and shipped it to a secret base in the United States. For \$15.00 you may write Bill Knell at 164-22 77th Rd., Flushing, NY 11365 to receive a 42 page account of this investigation.

Earnie Joyce showed a news photo that clearly depicted a UFO over the great pyramid in Egypt. Supposedly the craft had magnetically drawn a two foot black box to it.

John Schroeder reported that two acquaintances gave similar accounts of incidents nearly a decade old. After a UFO sighting near their homes, they went inside. There they observed fast moving pinkish, purplish balls of what appeared to be ionized light darting from room to room. After seemingly exploring each room, the lights returned to the room in which the observer stood and simply disappeared.

Jane Reed commented on a tabloid story which stated that a propeller driven plane which took off from Germany in 1954 had landed in Porto Allegre, Brazil 35 years later. While the propellers were still turning, the only occupants were 92 skeletons. (Had the plane passed through

a time warp?)

Iva Schwietzer retold that in 1989, alien forms were clearly seen on the videotape she had set to record television broadcasts. No Australian station had broadcast a space movie; but the gray skinned, small creatures with large hairless heads, wide slanted eyes, slit nostrils and small mouths were plainly seen.

Eleanor Schroeder reported that a UFO investigator claimed both U.S. and Japanese military sources for substantiating that UFO sightings preceded the Pearl Harbor attack which preceded World War II. Apparently both sides assumed that the saucers were secret weapons possessed by the other side.

Marjorie Sherrill read a tabloid article which described the first plants grown in a field burned by a UFO 200 years prior as egg plants that turned brassy orange, hard and metallic. When broken open, their seeds were like ball bearings. (Where???)

For the next Parapsychology Committee meeting, Dr. Pacelli Brion hopes to bring a parapsychological UFO contactee who may field questions written and read by the psychiatrist. As always, that meeting will be at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami Street in St. Louis at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month - March 7.

BOOK REVIEW: **AN ALIEN HARVEST**

By John Roppolo

An Alien Harvest, a 1989 book by Linda Mouton Howe, may be discussed for Study Group purposes by what it is and what it is not. What it is NOT is a book that one might see in our Library in the near future, not due to it not being a worthy acquisition (it is), but due to the cost. However, it is a "coffee table" book of photos, articles and text which more than substantially presents the case for intervention of alien life forms in the lives of animals and humans.

The narrative starts in 1967, with the mysterious mutilation of a horse in Southern Colorado, investigated by Howe.

The horse was stripped of flesh from the neck up, and there was no blood on the skin or on the ground. The 70's would see a rash of such mutilations throughout the Western and Midwestern U.S., many of these chronicled in a T.V. presentation produced by Howe for a Denver CBS-TV affiliate. After the T.V. program (also titled "A Strange Harvest") was aired in May 1980, Howe received even more leads on various cattle mutilations, and as a result began to suspect that these were probably done by unearthly visitors.

One reason Howe gives for the mutilations having been done by an alien technology involves the fact that laser surgery (which is a possible method of producing the exacting and "bloodless" cuts she witnessed) was not done by conventional hospital methods until the 1980's. It would then seem unlikely that vandals, cultists or rustlers would have access to this technology in the 1960's and 1970's. The fact that nocturnal lights and UFOs were seen near the mutilation sights by reliable witnesses in case after case also points to probable alien participation in these atrocities.

The photographs of the mutilated animals in the book are bizarre and rather unsettling. Yet, the most frightening passages in the book are those transcripts of hypnotic regressions of actual mutilation witnesses conducted by Dr. Leo Sprinkle and recorded by Howe. These witnesses described the animals being lifted up from the ground, body parts being removed and vats of animal (and possibly human) organs on display in alien ships. Howe also presents information linking these events with an overall government "cover-up" of UFO information.

There is much information in the book which will be familiar to Study Group members (such as some of the MJ-12 documents). However, information such as the Sprinkle transcripts and Howe's views on the cooperation / lack of cooperation among the various personalities and groups studying the UFO phenomenon are intriguing. Thus, An Alien Harvest yields some nuggets of learning to the selective reader.

THE PROBE: WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY?

By Alex Horvat

A wise man once told me, "I'm concerned with the future because that is where I'm going to spend the rest of my life."

A look at the future is often provided by those men of great learning and knowledge, the "experts." One way to examine where we are headed is by reviewing some of the opinions of our experts in the past 105 years.

In 1885, the head of the U.S. Patent Office said, "We should close the patent office, it is a big waste of money. There is nothing left to invent." (He apparently never witnessed aircraft, superhighways, the A-bomb or gene splicing).

From Astronomer William Pickering we heard this in 1910, "The popular mind often pictures gigantic flying machines speeding across the Atlantic, carrying innumerable passengers in a way analogous to our modern steamships. It seems safe to say that such ideas are wholly visionary." (Do you suppose Lindbergh paid attention to this?)

It was "Science Digest" in 1948 that stated, "Landing on and moving around on the moon offers so many serious problems for human beings that it might take scientists another 200 years to lick them." (OOPS! - It was July 1969).

Head of the U.S. Office of Scientific Research and Development between 1941-45, Vannevar Bush said in 1945, "There has been a great deal said about the 3,000 mile rocket. In my opinion, such a thing is impossible for many years and I think we can leave that out of our thinking." Unlike some who comment about advances they aren't acquainted with, Bush was an accomplished electrical engineer and physicist. Still Bush was unable to foresee the upcoming development of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's) in the late 1950's.

Obviously, this parade of misguided experts could fill a volume or two. The point of this "PROBE" is to demonstrate that regardless of our level of education or expertise when it comes to looking at the future, we are often wrong.

Why? We are no longer in an era of slow change. Technological developments are happening at an ever accelerating pace and now seem to eclipse our ability to assimilate them.

Computer memory chips went from 2k (2k is equal to 2048 characters or about 1 typed page of information) to 8k, 16k, 64k then 256k in the space of a decade (1970 - 1980). Today, (1990) you can buy personal computers with 8 megabytes (8,192,000 characters or 4,000 typed pages) of memory for less than most compact cars. That by itself created a need to program in such data and figure out new ways to use this new capability.

Since limitations are largely self imposed, we need to learn how to deal with such upheaval. Astronomer and author Carl Sagan in his book, The Cosmic Connection suggests encouraging social, political and economic experimentation. "Experiment is the touchstone of science on which theories are framed. It is the court of last resort. What is clearly needed are experimental societies."

Before you make arrangements to volunteer to pull up stakes for some island in the Pacific be advised that most governments discourage such experimentation. Sagan believes because they are unpopular with the majority of people.

One area for such experimentation may be space. Removed from the constraints of a lot of social pressures, such a group may develop attributes which may help their Earthly brothers.

While the debate rages over the budget for space stations and deep exploration of the Cosmos, the benefits both immediately tangible (such as mining valuable ores) and the unforeseen (learning to work together and look at Earth as one planet, one people) may be rewards worth any price.

What do you think about the future? Write the "PROBE" in care of this publication and we may probe your area of interest and report back in this column.



Calendar

March 1990

Wed. Mar. 7 - Parapsychology Committee Meeting at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO (7:30 p.m.)

Sun. Mar. 11 - UFO Study Group Meeting at the BOATMEN'S NATIONAL BANK at 75 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore - across from the Farm and Home Savings and Loan building), Webster Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)

Sun. Mar. 18 - Library / Archive Committee at the Roppolo home, 2032 Santa Monica, St. Charles (1:30 p.m.)

Tues. Mar. 20 - St. Charles UFO Research Committee at the Bonanza Restaurant, 12190 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton MO. (7:30 p.m.)

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